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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SY FOLLOW VEHICLES

KINSHASA AND PRETORIA FOR RSOS; ADDIS ABABA FOR RSS; ATHENS
FOR OIC/TSO FROM A/SY/T/SP

1. THE FY-76 ANTI-TERRORISM APPROPRIATION PROVIDED FUNDS
AND AUTHORITY FOR SY TO PURCHASE SECURITY FOLLOW CARS.
YOUR POST SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE FOLLOW VEHICLE BASED ON
EITHER POST'S, BUREAU'S AND/OR SY'S ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS.
THIS VEHICLE IS FOR USE BY POLICE ASSIGNED BY HOST GOVERN-
MENT TO PROVIDE THEM A BETTER CAPABILITY TO PROTECT COM OR
PRINCIPAL OFFICERS. POST SECURITY OFFICERS ARE URGED TO
CLOSELY MONITOR USE AND OPERATION OF THIS SPECIAL SECURITY
VEHICLE, EVEN THOUGH IT WILL REMAIN UNDER SY OPERATIONAL
CONTROL. LATITUDE IS ALLOWED RSOS TO REASSIGN VEHICLE
WITHIN COUNTRY FOR USE BY PROTECTIVE DETAILS ONLY, BUT MAY
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BE SUBJECT TO REASSIGNMENT BY SY SHOULD A GREATER NEED

DEVELOP ELSEWHERE. IF POSSIBLE, DRIVERS OF THE VEHICLE SHOULD BE PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH U.S.-TYPE VEHICLES. THE USING POST IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE SERVICE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, SINCE SY HAS ONLY BUDGETED FOR MAINTENANCE OF CUSTOM, FULLY ARMORED, COM VEHICLES. SERVICE AND PARTS MANUALS WILL BE POUCHED TO YOUR POST.

2. VEHICLE IS A 1976 CHEVROLET IMPALA, FOUR DOOR SEDAN, LEFT HAND DRIVE WITH 402 CID ENGINE, 4 BBL CARB, HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION AND STEEL BELTED RADIAL TIRES. ALL VEHICLES ARE BLACK. ENGINES ADJUSTED FOR U.S. "REGULAR" GRADE GASOLINE AND DO NOT HAVE CATALYTIC CONVERTERS. VEHICLE HAS LIMITED ARMOR CONSISTING OF 3/16 INCH, T3-2024 ALUMINUM IN DOORS, BEHIND SEATS AND SAIL PANELS WHICH, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUTER METAL "SKIN" OF VEHICLE, PROVIDES PISTOL/SUBMACHINE GUN FIRE PROTECTION UP TO AND INCLUDING 9MM PARABELLUM BALL AMMUNITION. VEHICLE WILL NOT PROTECT AGAINST ANY TYPE OF RIFLE FIRE INCLUDING 12 GAUGE RIFLED SHOTGUN SLUG.

3. VEHICLE IS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR SHIPMENT AND SHIPPING DATA WILL FOLLOW, WHEN AVAILABLE, IF VEHICLE IS ACCEPTED AS OUTLINED ABOVE. PLEASE CABLE DEPARTMENT (SY) ACCEPTANCE/NON-ACCEPTANCE ASAP. KISSINGER

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